Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 9, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 17 with the word "Useful" and ends on line 28 with the word "used." with the following amended paragraph:

Useful sulfide and polysulfide salts include those salts that have at least partial solubility in at least one liquid vehicle, and include, for example, salts comprising at least one sulfide or polysulfide (e.g., disulfide, trisulfide, or tetrasulfide) anion, or an anionic conjugate acid of sulfide or polysulfide (e.g., bisulfide), or a combination thereof, in combination with at least one cationic counterion. Useful cationic counterions include, for example, alkali metal ions (e.g., Na^+, K^+, Li^+, Cs^+), alkaline earth ions (e.g., Mg^{2+}, Ca^{2+}), $\underline{NH_4}^+$[[NH4+]], quaternary ammonium (e.g., tetraalkylammonium, aryltrialkylammonium, aralkyltrialkylammonium, tetraaryl ammonium) ions, and quaternary phosphonium (e.g., tetraalkylphosphonium, aryltrialkylphosphonium, aralkyltrialkylphosphonium, tetraarylphosphonium) ions, and combinations thereof. Typical concentrations of sulfide or polysulfide salt in the modifying composition are in a range of from at least 0.001 up to 0.1 mole per liter, although other amounts may also be used.

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